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SUBJECT: DISAPPOINTMENT AT EC SUMMIT RESULTS

1. PRESS REACTION TO EC SUMMIT RESULTS HAS BEEN CAUTIOUS AND MIXED. MOST COMMENTATORS, HOWEVER, ARE DISAPPOINTED THAT IRELAND OBTAINED ONLY SOME THIRTY-FIVE MILLION POUNDS OVER THREE-YEAR PERIOD FOR REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT ASSISTANCE. A YEAR EARLIER, GOI HAD REJECTED THIS SAME AMOUNT AS UNSATISFACTORY. PM COSGRAVE AND FONMIN FITZGERALD NOW SAY THAT THEY ARE REASONABLY SATISFIED ON GROUNDS THAT IRELAND'S RETURN FROM REGIONAL FUND IS SAME AS THAT OFFERED A YEAR AGO, WHILE TOTAL AMOUNT OF FUND WAS GREATLY REDUCED. FITZGERALD THUS POINTS OUT THAT IRELAND HAS MUCH LARGER PERCENTAGE OF REGIONAL FUND THAN EC COMMISSION ORIGINALLY PROPOSED. PRESS COMMENTATORS GENERALLY ACCEPT THIS POINT BUT NOTE IT WILL NOT PROVIDE MUCH CONSOLATION FOR RESIDENTS OF IRELAND'S UNDER-
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DEVELOPED WEST, WHO NEED URGENT HELP. DR. FITZGERALD HAD MADE A

VIGOROUS CAMPAIGN FOR A LARGE REGIONAL FUND--EVEN THREATENING TO VETO THE SUMIT--SO HE IS NOT NOW GETTING A HERO'S WELCOME. CARTOON IN IRISH INDEPENDENT SHOWS COSGRAVE AND FITZGERALD DRESSED LIKE INDIANS RETURNING FROM HUNT WITH A LONG POLE ON THEIR SHOULDERS. INSTEAD OF TRADITIONAL DEER HANGING FROM POLE, HOWEVER, THERE IS A VERY SMALL RABBIT.

2. COMMENT: THE DISAPPOINTMENT HERE IS BY NO MEANS DISILLUSIONMENT. MOST IRISHMEN REMAIN STRONGLY COMMITTED TO EC. THEY HAD SIMPLY HOPED TO GET MORE IMMEDIATE BENEFITS FROM IT, AND REGIONAL FUND HAD BECOME THE TEST CASE.

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